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WEEK DAYS									
From	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	6.40	6.45	10.30	10.35	1.15	1.20	4.55	5.00	7.10
Yau-mat	6.50	6.55	10.39	10.44	1.24	1.29	5.04	5.09	7.19
Shatin	7.02	7.07	10.51	10.56	1.36	1.41	5.16	5.21	7.31
Tai-po	7.16	7.21	11.05	11.10	1.50	1.55	5.30	5.35	7.44
Tai-po Market	7.21	7.26	11.08	11.13	1.53	1.58	5.33	5.38	7.48
Fanning	7.38	7.43	11.18	11.23	2.03	2.08	5.43	5.48	7.58
Shen-chui	7.56	8.01	11.36	11.41	2.21	2.26	6.01	6.06	8.11
Shun-chun	7.42	7.47	11.28	11.33	2.13	2.18	5.54	5.59	8.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS									
From	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shun-chun	7.21	7.26	11.40	11.45	3.00	3.05	6.17	6.22	8.08
Shen-chui	7.28	7.33	11.45	11.50	3.07	3.12	6.24	6.29	8.15
Fanning	7.33	7.38	11.51	11.56	3.11	3.16	6.28	6.33	8.19
Tai-po Market	7.42	7.47	12.02	12.07	3.21	3.26	6.34	6.39	8.29
Tai-po	7.46	7.51	12.04	12.09	3.25	3.30	6.38	6.43	8.33
Shatin	7.58	8.03	12.11	12.16	3.32	3.37	6.45	6.50	8.40
Yau-mat	8.12	8.17	12.23	12.28	3.50	3.55	6.53	6.58	8.48
Kowloon	8.20	8.25	12.37	12.42	3.58	4.03	7.01	7.06	

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Shatin	8.51	8.56	12.21	12.26	3.38	3.43	6.45	6.50	8.40
Yau-mat	9.3	9.08	12.33	12.38	3.50	3.55	6.53	6.58	8.48
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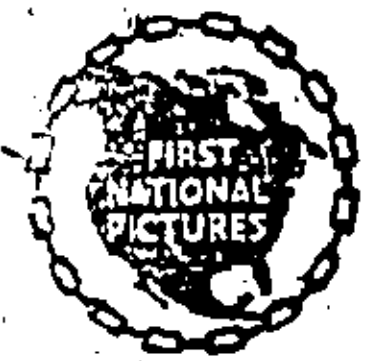
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts in their
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Owing to the Easter Holidays, there
are only four working days to report.
There has been a little falling off in the
volume of business and the market has
shown a weaker tendency, but in a few
instances higher rates are to be recorded.

BANKS.—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks
have been dealt in at \$1233/1230. The
Sterling quotation is unchanged at
\$119.

MARINE & FIRE INSURANCES.—Unions
have further strengthened with sales
made up to \$273, but a few shares are
offering at the rate. Cantons are also
in demand and have changed hands at
\$755. Yangtzes are required for at the
enhanced rate of \$45. China Under-
writers have buyers at \$2.50 after sales at
\$3. Hongkong Fires are firm with buyers
at \$653. China Fires have advanced to
\$900.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton & Macao
Steamboats are offering at \$37, at
which price business was done. Douglas
are weak at present quotation of \$34.
"Star" Ferries were dealt in at \$38
and \$88. The market closes easier at
\$87. Union Waterboats were sold at
\$117 and Tugs & Lighters at \$4.25.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have fur-
ther sagged and are now offering at \$68.
Malabars are ruling strong with buyers
at \$51.

ON'S & MINING.—Langkate "Combined"
are inclined to weaken and are obtain-
able at Tls. 27. The "Singles" however
have buyers at Tls. 12 and Explorations
at Tls. 6. Benguet Consolidated are
enquired for at \$2.80. Kailans have
been booked at 56/- and more shares are
wanted.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hong-
kong & Whampoa Docks after sales at
\$122 are offering at \$121. Shanghai
Docks are steady at Tls. 12. New
Engineering have been sold to Shanghai
at Tls. 9 and Tls. 9.50. Kowloon
Wharves are slightly lower, being quoted
at \$191. Sales were made during the
week at \$192 and \$192. Hongkew
Wharves have buyers at Tls. 203.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hong-
kong Lands are weak with sellers at
\$96, and could probably be obtained un-
der this rate. Humphreys Estates have
been booked at \$200 and continue in
demand. Realities have buyers at
\$4.30, but there are no shares offering.
Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels have firm-
ed up and are quoted at \$15.40, ex the
final dividend of 60 cents, paid on the
8th instant.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Elec-
trics are weaker with sellers at \$66.
China Lights "Combined" have been in
good demand with sales made up to \$33.
The "Old" and "New" shares have not
been dealt in separately and the quotations
are only nominal. Hongkong
Tramways have further improved, closing
with buyers at \$39 after sales at
\$394.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewo Mills are ruling
firm with sales made at Tls. 12.
Orientals are also in demand and have
risen to Tls. 15.50. There are buyers of
Shanghai Cottons—the old are wanted at
Tls. 60 and the New at Tls. 30.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements
have been largely dealt in and have again
strengthened with buyers at \$32. Dairy
Farms have receded to \$281 at which
price shares have changed hands. Ropes
"Combined" have sellers at \$48. Watsons
"Old" are steady at \$20, and Lane, Craw-
ford at \$19. Constructions have dropped
to \$5, but there are small buyers at this
price. Canton Ice are enquired for at
\$7. Peak Tramways after weakening,
have buyers for the Old at \$22 and \$8
for the New. China Providents "Com-
bined" continue in demand, but the New
shares could probably be bought at about
\$2.25. China Omnibuses are in demand
at Tls. 13.

FORWARD SETTLEMENT DATE.—28th April
(Tuesday), 26th May (Tuesday), 23rd June
(Tuesday) and 23rd July (Tuesday).

EXCHANGE.—The T.T. rate on London
to-day is 2/3 and on Shanghai 73.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

The following notes are from the fort-
nightly circular of the Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce dated April 9th:
Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton
Goods.—There are no signs of improve-
ment in market condition, and the advent
of Ching Ming (Pong Worshipping)
Festival aggravates existing depression
and poor outlook. Manchester cloth
quotations remain nominally unchanged.
Despite a decline of approximately 20
per cent. in Egyptian cotton prices during
the past three weeks there is little reflec-
tion thereon for cloth manu-
factured from this staple. Mid. Am. was
quoted 12.42 in Liverpool on 8th instant,
and Eg. Sakel 31.65.

Cotton Yarn.—The situation of our
market remained unchanged and no sale
has been effected during the fortnight
under review. Nominal quotations are
as follows:—No. 10s. \$210/225; No. 12s.
\$215/225; No. 16s. \$220/235; No. 20s.
\$225/235. Arrivals 500. Shipments nil.
Sales nil. Unsold stock 13,500 bales.
Bargains 2,000 bales.

Woolens.—No change. Market lifeless.
Raw Cottons.—There is no change to
report.

Metals.—Business stagnant.

Flour. Market Report.—Stock: 750,000
sacks. Market: Quiet. Quotations: (Per
sack), American Patent Flour \$4.60,
American Straight \$3.80, American Cut
off \$3.75, Shanghai \$3.40, Australian No.
1 \$3.75, Canadian Flour \$3.40.

Sundries.—Market quiet.

Sugar.—Market steady.

Saltpetre.—Stock: 11,000 bags. Slight
improvement since last report.

Do the wise always follow their own
good advice? I have done business with
merchants and dined with physicians, and
doubt it.—*Denn Inge.*
I have been looking forward to saying
these three words, "Mr. Spenser, Sir,
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The third extra meeting, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, opened on Saturday and will be continued this afternoon.

The talent received a bad shock in the first event, when two well fancied candidates, in Quab and Jimmy Lad, were defeated by Monitor.

Worse was in store, however, as Seattle defeated Beauty Dahlia, the favourite, in the second event.

Despite the presence of Chicago, in the "A" class Twickenham Handicap, Rothsay was made favourite. Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's grey, however, won somewhat handily. Rothsay was carried out by Curiosity Shop, coming down the straight, and finished third. Mr. Bagram's Phenomenal Dahlia being beaten by two lengths by Chicago.

For the stakes, only three started, and Lieut.-Col. Thompson won at his leisure, on Grey Morn, from Gold Leaf and Rayfield.

Charcoal was sent out in the fifth event and at no time was the race in doubt, though Dictator Dahlia got within 3 lengths of the winner, whose dividend was \$2,500.

The "B" class (11 miles) also saw an outsider romping home, when Valiant (ridden by Mr. Gibson) cut out the first 6 furlongs in 1:39.2-5 and maintained the lead to the end. Duke of Frisco galloped on to one of the ponies in front of him, near the distance post early in the race and came down, throwing Mr. Seth, his rider, who fortunately was not badly injured.

Blotting Paper and Gypsy Love were both well supported to win the Claygate Plate, but King of the Plains, third choice, gave Mr. Davies his second win of the day.

In the last event, Spotted Sand was an odds on favourite with Grey Knight and Loch Rannoch next in demand. The winner was the lightly-weighted Golden Chrysanthemum with Clover Club second and Grey Knight a fair third. The dividend on the winner was \$154.30. Racing details follow:—

1.—TEDOR STAKES.

For subscription griffins of any season that have never won an official race, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lbs. Jockey allowance. 1st prize, \$200; 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$100.—Half Mile.

Messrs.—Upstart and Athley's Monitor, 149 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 1
Mr. Wayloong's Quab, 158 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2
Mr. H. P. White's Scarcrow, 149 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 3
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Jimmy Lad, 155 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 4
Also ran:—Hoo Mah (Mr. Pent), Uncle Tom (Mr. Buck), Lumbie (Mr. Harriman).

Won by 1½ lengths; 3 lengths.
Time: 30.2-5; 1:03.1-6.
Monitor was off in the lead with Quab second and Jimmy Lad third. The order into the straight was Monitor, Quab and Jimmy Lad. At the distance post, Quab got within half-length of Monitor, but the latter came away and won somewhat easily. Quab being second and Scarcrow third.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$105.80.
Places: 1, \$11.20; 2, \$6; 3, \$11.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 352, \$1,096.10; 613, \$184.80; 129, \$242.30.
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 375, 208, 479, 141.

2.—TWICKENHAM HANDICAP. "B" CLASS.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd, \$100; 3rd, \$100.—One Mile.
Messrs.—Dunbar and Stanton's Seattle, 203 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1
Sir Paul Chater's Beauty Dahlia, 150 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 2
Mr. Bagram's Gyp, 162 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 3
Mr. Dynasty's King Ptolemy, 157 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 4

Also ran:—Magnificent Dahlia (Mr. Gibson), Toomai (Capt. Hall), Alcantara (Mr. da Rosa), Uncle Tom (Mr. Buck), Hailsham (Lt.-Col. Thompson), Two Pairs (Mr. Potts), Fernleaf (Capt. Oxspring).

Won by a neck; three lengths.
Time: 32.2-5; 1:05.2-3; 1:37.1-5; 2:11.
Beauty Dahlia led at the start, followed by Uncle Tom and Toomai third. There was no change at the six furlong post. At the half-mile post, Beauty Dahlia was still in front with Seattle and Gyp lying on its quarters. At the furlong post, Beauty Dahlia dropped into third place. Seattle led into the straight, but half-way down the straight, Beauty Dahlia came again and ran Seattle to a neck. Gyp was third and King Ptolemy fourth.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$15.70.
Places: 1, \$7.10; 2, \$3.50; 3, \$3.70.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 303, \$1,951.70; 152, \$568.90; 109, \$233.10.

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1, 303, 478, 205, 301, 139, 536, 236.

3.—TWICKENHAM HANDICAP. "A" CLASS.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd, \$100; 3rd, \$100.—One Mile.

Messrs.—Dunbar and Stanton's Chicago, 150 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1
Mr. Bagram's Phenomenal Dahlia, 149 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Rothsay, 151 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 3
Mr. H. Birkett's Baby Eyes, 149 lbs. (Mr. Buck) 4

Also ran:—Jamba (Mr. Gibson), King Emperor (Mr. Davies), Curiosity Shop (Mr. Nemaze), King Alfred (Mr. Sewell).

Won by two lengths; half a length.
Time: 31.1-5; 1:03.4-5; 1:35.1-5; 2:08.

King Alfred and King Emperor with Baby Eyes led the first time past the stands. At the six furlong post, King Emperor went on clear of the field with Chicago lying fourth and Rothsay last. King Emperor was still ahead at the four furlong post, with King Alfred second and Chicago in third place. Coming down the hill past the bend, Chicago moved up and took the lead at the mile and a quarter post. Coming down the straight, Rothsay came on very fast on the outside, but was carried out by Curiosity Shop and failed to get on terms with Phenomenal Dahlia, who had moved into second place at the distance post.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$13.10.
Places: 1, \$5.70; 2, \$3.60; 3, \$5.60.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 220, \$2,201.10; 588, \$845.00; 371, \$327.30.
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 20, 44, 153, 578, 120.

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Messrs.—Dyer and Beith's Grey Morn, 146 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 1
Mr. Carroll's Gold Leaf, 146 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. Warrack's Rayfield, 157 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 3

Won by eight lengths; many lengths.
Time: 34; 1:06.1-5; 1:38.4-5; 2:06.

The order past the stands for the first time was Grey Morn, Gold Leaf and Rayfield. At the half-mile post Rayfield drew up to Gold Leaf's quarters, but dropped back again at the bend leading out of the back straight. Grey Morn was as he liked from Gold Leaf with Rayfield tailed off.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$6.70.
Places: 1, \$3.70.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 354, \$5,273.10; 348, \$1,506.80; 202, \$753.30.

5.—COBHAM PLATE.

For China ponies griffins of 1925. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; of three or more races 10 lbs. extra. Unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs. Jockey allowance. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$100.—From Two Mile Post Once Round and in (about 1 mile 165 yards).

Messrs.—Beith's Charcoal, 162 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1
Mr. Bagram's Dictator Dahlia, 160 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. A. A. Alves's Aucherreech, 156 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 3
Mr. Relyon's Uncle Charlie (late Carnation Leaf), 152 lbs. (Mr. Buck) 4

Also ran:—Wimmera (Mr. Gibson), Strathallan (Lt.-Col. Thompson), The Critic (Mr. Sewell).

Won by three lengths; six lengths.
Time: 15.1-5; 49.3-5; 1:24; 1:55; 2:22.2-5.

The first time past the stands, Critic was in front with Dictator Dahlia second and the rest well bunched. At the six furlong post, the field was still bunched, with Uncle Charlie slightly in the lead. At the half-mile post, Charcoal moved to the front and went on to win handily, followed by Dictator Dahlia and Wimmera. The latter soon dropped back in favour of Aucherreech, who finished third, two lengths ahead of Uncle Charlie.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$5.60.
Places: 1, \$3.60; 2, \$7.90; 3, \$7.80.
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6.—ESHER HANDICAP. "B" CLASS.

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Capt. R. Neville's Valiant, 149 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 1

Mr. A. A. Alves's The Wasp, 161 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa) 2

H.E. Sir Edward Stubbs' Gaudie, 156 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 3

Mr. H. Birkett's Boldeney Star, 157 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 4

Also ran:—Duke of Frisco (Mr. Seth), King Canute (Mr. Davies), Uncle Alf (Mr. Buck), Demon Boy (Mr. Goodfellow), Langsat (Lt.-Col. Thompson), Poppy Leaf (Capt. Oxspring), Jimmy Lad (Mr. Sewell).

Won by 1½ lengths; two lengths.
Time: 33; 1:03.4-5; 1:38.2-5; 2:12.1-5; 2:46.

Valiant jumped off in front and led from start to finish. The Wasp and Poppy Leaf being the only two ponies that made any attempt to get on terms.

Soon after the start Mr. Seth was thrown when Duke of Frisco fell. The Wasp was second throughout and Gaudie finished third two lengths away.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$128.
Places: 1, \$38.00; 2, \$46.00; 3, \$3.80.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 28, \$2,227.40; 215, \$638.40; 232, \$318.20.

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 387, 594, 633, 110, 345, 745; 254, 478.

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Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains, 160 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 1

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Blotting Paper, 155 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 2

Mr. Bagram's Phenomenal Dahlia, 153 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 3

Mr. W. P. White's Gypsy Love, 149 lbs. (Mr. Buck) 4

Also ran:—A.B. (Mr. da Rosa), Grey Streak (Mr. Pollock).

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Places: 1, \$15.00; 2, \$30.40; 3, \$8.90.
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8.—ESHER HANDICAP. "A" CLASS.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$450; 2nd, \$200; 3rd, \$100.—One and a quarter Miles.

Mr. A. A. Alves's Golden Chrysanthemum, 145 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa) 1

Mr. L. Dunbar's Clover Club, 162 lbs. (Mr. Stacey) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Spotted Sand, 148 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 3

Mr. Dynasty's Spotted Sand, 148 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 4

Also ran:—Saracen (Mr. Buck), Loch Rannoch (Lt.-Col. Thompson).

Won by one length; 1½ lengths.
Time: 33.4-5; 1:05.2-5; 1:39; 2:11.4-5; 2:43.4-5.

Off at the first attempt, the field were well bunched until they reached the stands, when the order was Golden Chrysanthemum, Loch Rannoch, Spotted Sand and Saracen together with Clover Club last. At the six furlong post, Loch Rannoch took the lead and was still ahead at the four-furlong post, with Grey Knight third. The field were well bunched going round the end bend, with Loch Rannoch still in front. Swinging into the straight, Grey Knight ran outside his horses, but Golden Chrysanthemum came away from the rest and went on to win somewhat handily from Clover Club, who came with a great rush at the last. Grey Knight finished third.

Parimutuel.—Winner, \$154.30.
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TODAY'S RACES.

PONIES THAT IT MAY PAY TO FOLLOW.

[BY J. G. S.]

The programme this afternoon should provide plenty of interest and fields, on the whole, will probably be well up to the average.

The opening event, the Banstead Plate (1 mile), may attract: Alcantra (Mr. J. A. Roza), Rothsay (Lt. Cdr. Thompson), The Wasp (Mr. Doyle), Toonai (Capt. Hall), King of the Plains (Mr. Davies), Loch Rannoch (Mr. Pollock), The Critic (Mr. Sewell), Gypsy Love (Mr. Buck), Bayfield (Mr. Gibson), Gyp (Mr. Harrison), Valiant (—).

Many anticipate that the record for the distance (38.2.5) will be lowered and some of the contestants may well be capable of doing it, but an attempt to find the winner, I shall plump for Rothsay, who won this event last year in 38.4.5, with Loch Rannoch second and Valiant (then Valiant Dahlia) third. I fancy to-day that King of the Plains will provide most opposition with Gyp and Bayfield as the next best.

The second race is confined to non-winning "subs." The field may comprise: Jimmy Lad (Mr. Pollock), Hoo Mah (Mr. Peat), Quab (Mr. Doyle), Lambie (Mr. Harrison), Scattercrow (Lt. Cdr. Thompson), Uncle Tom (Mr. Buck).

Strictly on the book, Quab should win, unless his stable companion—not yet fit—can beat him. Scattercrow will probably run into a place, so he must be allotted second and Hoo Mah third. It may well pay to back the lot as an upset is to be expected.

The third event is the "Seller" (7 furlongs), which may attract King Emperor or Friarsfield (Mr. Davies), Grey Struck (Mr. Pollock), Magnificent Dahlia (Mr. Harrison), New York (Mr. Sewell), Baby Eyes (Lt. Cdr. Thompson). Prohibition is, I am told, a doubtful starter. If sent, Capt. Hall may have the mount.

As the distance is only 7 furlongs, it should suit Mr. Dynasty's nominations, while Grey Struck and Magnificent Dahlia will want nothing in this respect. Baby Eyes proved a disappointment, over this distance, at the annual meeting, and it may be found too short for him nowdays. New York, judging from his stable-companions, should be in form and may upset the best-laid plans. I expect him to get a place. Magnificent Dahlia appears to be out of form just at present.

There appears to be misunderstanding with regard to bidding for the winner and claiming of the ponies that run. Under H.K.J.C. Rules of Racing No. 29, "the winner shall be offered for sale by auction, immediately after the race and the surplus over the (entered) selling price shall be divided between the owner of the second pony and the Club."

It would thus appear that any person is entitled to bid for the winner. With regard to ponies claiming, Rule at reads: "All other horses started may be claimed for the selling price plus the value of the stakes or place, by the owners of horses running in the race, but no owner can claim a horse belonging to himself."

THE BIG EVENT.

The main event is the Great Metropolitan Handicap (1½ miles), fourth on the card. The following may go to the post: Gold Leaf (Mr. Harrison), Grey Knight (Mr. Pollock), Clover Club (Mr. Stanton), Saracen (Mr. Buck), Spotted Sand (Mr. Davies), Golden Chrysanthemum (Mr. A. Roza), Wimmera (Mr. Gibson), Beauty Dahlia (Mr. Sewell), Beldoney Star (Lt. Cdr. Thompson), and Duke of Frisco (Capt. Hall).

Grey Knight, despite his poor showing on Saturday, will be my choice with Golden Chrysanthemum and Spotted Sand as the next best. The last-named, I hear, had a very "rough passage" on Saturday and may put up quite a different performance to-day. Of course, Clover Club and Gold Leaf are entitled to respect, as is Beauty Dahlia. In selecting my three, I am guided by performance.

For the Westmaster Stakes, the field may comprise: Auchencroch (Mr. Doyle), Uncle Charlie (Mr. Buck), Gimlet (Lt. Cdr. Thompson), The Critic (Mr. Sewell), Prohibition or Jambu (Mr. Pollock), Possib, Wimmera will be sent here in preference to the previous event.

Auchencroch should go very close, or even The Wasp, if sent in his place. Uncle Charlie and Wimmera, or Gimlet may fill the places.

The sixth event, Hyde Park Handicap for subs, should appeal to the following: Poppy Leaf (Mr. Harrison), Mowgli (Capt. Hall), King Ptolemy (Mr. Davies), Demon Boy (Mr. Pollock), A.B. (Mr. Doyle), Two Pairs (Mr. Potts), Monitor (Capt. Oxpington).

Despite his steady 170lbs, I expect Poppy Leaf to win, with King Ptolemy and Demon Boy as the next best.

For the penultimate event, Kingwood Handicap (1 mile), winners barred, the following may be saddled: Saracen (Mr. Buck), Auchencroch (Mr. Doyle), The Wasp (Mr. A. Roza), Strathallan (Lt. Cdr. Thompson), Uncle Charlie or Uncle Tom (Mr. Sewell). It is possible Beauty Dahlia may be sent here in preference to the 1½ mile event.

The race should fall to Mr. Alves' selection, with Saracen and Strathallan next best.

The last event is a 6-furlong consolation, for which I can make no forecast. My selections thus read:

- RACE I.
1, Rothsay.
2, King of the Plains.
3, Gyp or Bayfield.
- RACE II.
1, Quab.
2, Scattercrow.
3, Hoo Mah.
- RACE III.
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GOOD FRIDAY RECTAL.

CHORAL SERVICE IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

A Choral recital was given in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday evening, when the Cathedral Choir was augmented for the occasion. The large edifice was packed to its utmost capacity. The most impressive and inspiring item of the whole programme was an organ solo (Largo) from the Symphony "From the New World"—(Dvorak) given by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., who presided at the organ.

The lights of the Cathedral were dimmed, adding to the mystic and holiness of the atmosphere, when there burst forth the notes of the organ—some light as eddying winds of song, others sonorous as the wail of a tempest—and all of them exquisite. The lights were also dimmed while the choir sang their songs of praise, passion and pain. Over all there lay a mantle of peace, half-pang, half-blissful—because the music was reminded by song, and story of Christ's agony, blissful in that the song and story also gloried in the victory which followed. Another exquisite solo and chorus was that of Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," the soprano solo of which was taken by Mrs. Collett, with all the charm, beauty, and intensity for which the song called. All the singing was redolent of an exquisite, commanding sweetness, and scarce a soul could have listened unmoved, for though at times it might have been a little more masterful, it was—

"Music that gentler on the spirit lies,
Than tired eyelids upon tired eyes."

The passion story, from St. Luke's Gospel, couched in simple, unadorned poetry, yet one of the saddest and wildest most beautiful passages in our literature, was eloquently read by Sir Claud Severn. The soloists were Mrs. S. Collett, Miss C. Willmott, Mr. H. G. Annis, Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mr. H. J. Best, Mr. G. H. Piercy, and Master H. Smith.

The programme was as follows:

Hymn A. and M. 108.

When I Surveye the Wondrous Cross.

Chorus: "Surely He hath borne our griefs."

(Handel).

Soprano Solo: "Sing ye praise."

Recit: "He counteth all your sorrows."

(Mendelssohn).

Chorus: "All ye that cried unto the Lord."

(Mendelssohn).

Quartette: "Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake."

(Farant).

Motett for Soprano Solo and Chorus: "Hear my prayer."

(Mendelssohn).

The Passion Story, from St. Luke's Gospel.

Organ Solo: "Largo" from the Symphony "From the New World"—(Dvorak).

Duet for Soprano and Tenor: "My Song shall be always Thy mercy."

(Mendelssohn).

Contralto Solo: "Let joy and praise to Heaven rise."

(Frank Bridge).

Trio: "It shall come to pass that at eventide it shall be light."

(Gaul).

Anthem: "The Wilderness" (Goss).

The Blessing.

Sevenfold Amen.—(Stainer).

A collection was made, the proceeds of which were in aid of the Organ Fund. A sum of \$10,000 is said to be required for the new scheme to reconstruct the instrument completely.

On Easter Sunday, at Matins, Mrs. Bowes-Smith sang the aria "I know that my redeemer liveth" (Handel), and the Choruses "Since by man," and "Eyes so in Christ," were sung by the Choir.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

SHANGHAI BEAT PORTUGUESE FROM HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI, April 11th.

The soccer match to-day between Hongkong Portuguese and Shanghai Portuguese attracted a very large number of spectators.

Shanghai won by 3 goals to 2, after extra time. The game was very evenly contested. All played well, particularly the Shanghai goal-keeper, who made a number of brilliant saves. Both teams had a fair share of bad luck. Hongkong twice found the net but the player, in each instance, was adjudged offside.

Shanghai had one similar experience. Colucci scored for Shanghai after seven minutes' play. Rocha equalized and Marcel scored for Shanghai, who led at half-time 2-1. After the resumption, Gosaldo, Hongkong, equalized. There was no further score when time was called, so it was decided to play 30 minutes extra. In the second quarter Marcel scored for Shanghai; and from the corner Shanghai were very dangerous, but the match ended with no addition to the score, Shanghai thus winning by 3 goals to 2.

RACE IV.

- 1, Grey Knight.
2, Golden Chrysanthemum.
3, Spotted Sand.

RACE V.

- 1, Auchencroch.
2, Uncle Charlie.
3, Wimmera or Gimlet.

RACE VI.

- 1, Poppy Leaf.
2, King Ptolemy.
3, Demon Boy.

RACE VII.

- 1, Mr. Alves' Selected.
2, Saracen.
3, Strathallan.

LEGAL SPORT.

GOOD FRIDAY CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

The Chinese Recreation Club were entertained by the K.C.C. at Kowloon on Good Friday, when the home team won on the first innings by 16 runs.

Scores:—			
K.C.C.			
S. Jex, b. H. Hung	38		
G. Lee, run out	19		
J. C. Long, run out	4		
H. Overy, c. Balhatchet, b. Hung	1		
F. Goodwin, b. Ng See Kwong	0		
B. Petheram, c. Balhatchet, b. Ng	10		
S. Kwong	0		
J. C. Lyle, c. Fincher, b. Ng See Kwong	0		
J. C. Fletcher, l.b.w., b. Balhatchet	3		
A. J. Kew, run out	3		
E. Jordan, c. Fincher, b. Ng See Kwong	0		
J. S. Cox, not out	0		
Extras	13		
Total	91		

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Ng See Kwong	16	3	23
Balhatchet	8	1	23
W. Hung	4	1	8
H. Hung	7.3	3	8
T. O. Yeow	3	0	16

C.R.C.			
N. C. Hung, run out	1		
H. Balhatchet, b. Goodwin	13		
Ng See Kwong, b. Goodwin	3		
B. O. Ng, c. Lyle, b. Goodwin	6		
W. Hung, c. b. Goodwin	13		
E. C. Fincher, b. Lyle	0		
F. H. Holdman, c. Overy, b. Goodwin	4		
T. O. Yeow, b. Overy	13		
J. M. Wong, b. Overy	4		
C. E. Wong, c. Long, b. Petheram	0		
C. M. Choa, not out	0		
Extras	13		
Total	75		

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Goodwin	13	2	23
Fletcher	5	0	16
Lyle	6	0	14
Overy	3.3	1	6
Petheram	1	0	3

K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

The Civil Service C.C. visited the K.C.C. at Kowloon on Saturday, and had an easy win.

Scores:—			
K.C.C.			
L. A. B. Duncan, run out	10		
A. J. Kew, b. Spillet	6		
E. G. Renton, c. Squibbs, b. Strange	7		
J. Smith, c. Holdman, b. Strange	0		
W. F. J. Gorvin, b. Strange	0		
D. E. Green, b. Strange	0		
B. G. Hallam, b. Spillet	0		
C. L. Evans, l.b.w., b. Spillet	1		
E. O. Murphy, c. Alexander, b. Spillet	7		
H. Overy, not out	8		
S. E. Green, b. Cullip	5		
Extras	16		
Total	66		

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Squibbs	4	0	7
Alexander	4	0	7
H. Strange	8	1	13
Spillet	8	3	19
Cullip	2	0	1

C.S.C.C.			
C. F. Alexander, l.b.w., b. Gorvin	15		
C. H. Beardsall, c. Hallam, b. Kew	28		
F. L. Squibbs, retired	25		
H. E. Strange, c. Murphy, b. Gorvin	31		
C. Booker, not out	34		
Extras	23		
Total (for 4 wickets)	146		

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Overy	8	1	35
Duncan	10	3	24
Gorvin	7	0	18
Kew	2	0	16
Hallam	2	0	15
Renton	2	0	15

K.C.C. v. K.F.C.

The following team will represent the Kowloon Football Club in a cricket match against the Kowloon Cricket Club, at Kowloon to-day, commencing at 10.30 a.m.:—F. Read, M. Howarth, W. Austen, S. Randle, J. Davis, S. G. Hayes, A. W. Turner, A. Fitzgerald, A. Spary, O. E. Millard and F. Wheeler. Reserve: C. Luke. Umpire: C. Bond.

S.O.A.A. IN FORM AT CANTON.

At the provincial sports meeting in Canton, Mr. Ng See Kwong, formerly open tennis champion of the Colony, won the Singles tournament and Ho Ka Lau, another C.R.C. player, was third. South China A.A. won the football competition and the following won places in the running events:—Lam Yik King, Peter Young, Leung Ying Wah, Kam Fook, Chan Chun Sang and Chin Kam Woon. Of the star performers in the following took part in the contest at Canton: Lau Hing Cheung, Lai Yik Tat, Wong Sui Wah, Leung Yik Tong, Li Wai Tong, Pang Kam Wing, Suen Kam Shun, Ng Kam Chuen and Choy Ping Fan.

The meeting was held for the purpose of choosing candidates to represent China at the forthcoming Far Eastern Olympiad at Manila.

LECTURES ON FIRST AID.

ALL SHIPMASTERS MUST PASS EXAMINATIONS NEXT YEAR.

The Government Gazette announces that on and after January 1st, 1926, every candidate for a certificate of competency of any grade as master or mate will be required to produce a certificate issued by the St. John Ambulance Association, the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, the St. Patrick's Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross Society, the London County Council, the Glamorgan County Council, the Leith Nautical College or other approved body or by a medical officer of one of His Majesty's ships, to the effect that he has passed examination in first aid to the injured.

The certificate must be an adult certificate, i.e., obtained by the candidate when sixteen years of age or more, and the examination for it must have been passed not more than three years before the date of the examination for the certificate of competency. Certificates issued by the St. John Ambulance Association more than three years before the examination for a certificate of competency will, however, be accepted, provided that, at the expiration of three years since its issue, the certificate has attached to it the "Voucher" or "Label" of the Association certifying that the holder has passed re-examination in first aid.

In order to enable candidates to qualify in Hongkong for this certificate, the Assistant Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade has arranged for lectures in first aid to be given at the Sailors' Home, 280, Des Voeux Road West, Hongkong, at 5.15 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of every month commencing on August 7th, and examinations will be held periodically. An inclusive fee of \$5 will be charged for the lectures and examination.

The lectures will be so arranged that if a candidate is unable to complete a course of consecutive lectures, he may attend whenever he is in port. Lectures by qualified surgeons on board merchant vessels will be accepted provided that the surgeon certifies that he has followed the syllabus of instruction laid down by the St. John Ambulance Association.

An attendance card will be issued at the first lecture and must be produced for the initials of the lecturer or ship's surgeon at each subsequent lecture. When a candidate's attendance card records not less than five lectures he will be entitled to sit for an examination. A limited number of the general public will be allowed to attend these lectures and application should be made to Mr. E. Halphs, Education Department, for permission.

RIFLE MEETING.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS AT H.K.V.D.C. SHOOT.

The following are the results to date of the competitions, held on Saturday and yesterday at the Rifle Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

1st. Engineer Company (Sergeant-Major Everest, Sappers Stephen, Watson, Dovey, Maskell).

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MUSKETRY COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL).
1st. Sergeant-Major Westlake 68
2nd. Spr. G. E. Stephens 66
3rd. Spr. E. R. Dovey 63
The possible was 70.

TYRO COMPETITION.
1st. Cpl. A. H. Penn 94
2nd. Sgt. Tyler 89
3rd. Pte. Harvey 84
Possible 141.

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Possible 141.

1st. No. 6 Platoon "A" team (Cpl. Goodmap, Pte. Keeth, Pte. Hyde).

CHALLENGE CUP.
1st. Lapsley.
2nd. D. Reid.
3rd. Thornhill.

TILE COMPETITION.
1st. No. 1 Platoon "B" team (Sgt. E. Green, Cpl. E. J. R. Mitchell, Cpl. E. G. Stewart, L/Cpl. H. K. Prosser, Pte. P. Brown).

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP.
1st. Spr. Maskell 112
2nd. Sergeant-Major Everest 111
3rd. Cpl. Goodman 110
Possible 141.

ATTACK COMPETITION.
1st. No. 1 Platoon (Lieut. S. J. Jordain, M.C., Cpl. E. J. R. Mitchell, Cpl. A. H. Penn, Cpl. E. G. Stewart, Pte. H. G. Burns, Pte. A. C. I. Bowker, Leader Cpl. R. R. Davies).

MACHINE GUN COMPETITION.
Won by Cpl. A. C. Groves, Pte. O. Skinner and Pte. D. E. G. Nicholson.
The meeting will be concluded to-day.

V.R.O. SPORTS.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC PROGRAMME

Entries close to-day for the annual amateur athletic sports meeting which will be held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club on the Hongkong Football Association's ground next Saturday. The sports are open to all amateurs, clubs and H.M. Forces of the Colony. Every class of amateur sport has been well catered for and success is already assured for the venture, it being anticipated that the meeting will be a record one from all points of view. Entries are already very satisfactory.

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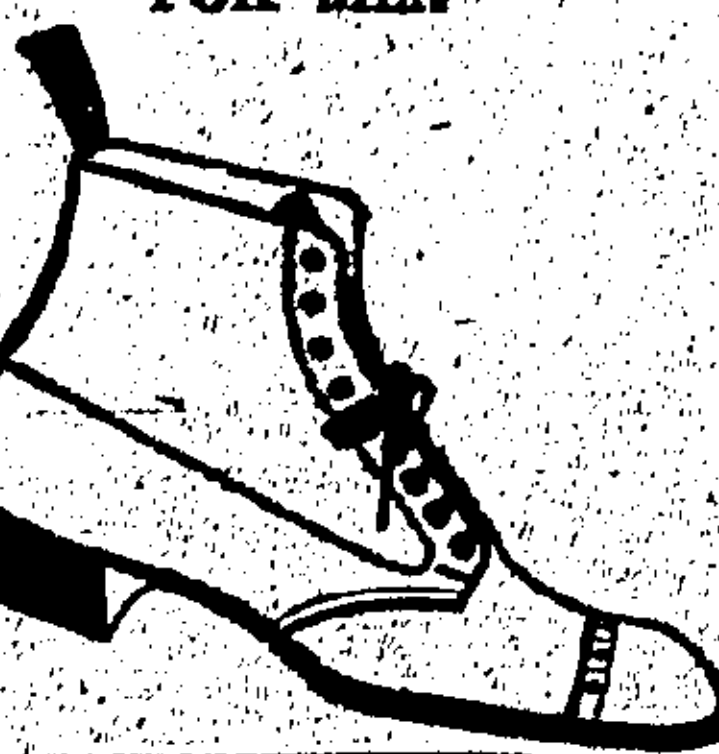
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VIEWS ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

MR. BALFOUR'S ALARMING EXPERIENCES IN PALESTINE.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FRENCH CABINET CRISIS. FORMATION OF MINISTRY IS FACED WITH DIFFICULTY.

WRITTEN PRESS VIEWS.

PARIS, April 11th.

The President, M. Doumergue, has successively received the Presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies in quest of a new Premier though a decision is not expected before to-morrow.

The former Minister M. Chéron has submitted a scheme for the formation of a Republican coalition, which however, does not seem likely to succeed. On the other hand, M. Cartel (Left) is endeavouring to secure a reconstructed radical Ministry, with possibly premier-ship in the hands of M. Painlevé, which is assured a majority in the Chamber, though it is bound to meet opposition in the Senate.

A HARD TASK.

Incompatibility of temper between the Chamber and the Senate renders the formation of a durable Cabinet most difficult. The names of possible new Premiers mentioned included: M.M. Painlevé, De Monzie, Loucheur, Clementel Briand and Steeg, Governor of Algeria.

M. Cartel (Left) will endeavour to return M. Herriot to power. In addition, the formation of a coalition from the Republican Parties is suggested, though its success is improbable. Behind the various combinations, looms the prospect of dissolution. This will be welcomed by the Opposition which now having a leader in the person of M. Millerand—reckons on turning the tables at next elections.

Indications point to the crisis being provoked, and possibly lasting beyond the Municipal Elections throughout the country on May 5th, thus giving those elections special political significance.

BRITISH PRESS OPINION.

LONDON, April 11th.

As far as British opinion, concerning the fall of M. Herriot, appears to be generally felt that France's present plight is the direct outcome of the long-continued failure to face the financial situation squarely; and impose the necessary taxation. It is pointed out that the methods of the Bank of France have been exposed as irregular, and unless its actions are swiftly legalized, irreparable harm will be inflicted on French credit, it is asserted.

The disclosure that the Poincaré Government inflated behind the scenes, while pretending that Germany would supply adequate reparations, and the counter-allegation that M. Herriot assented to the same hoodwinking policy, show the folly of France's post-war policy. The difficulty, confronting any successor to M. Herriot, is that he cannot succeed averting a serious position, unless he introduces an unpopular measure.

Apparently the idea of a capital levy, in a disguised form, has been virtually scrapped by the Chamber of Finance Committee, but taxation in one form or another must be increased. The Times says tax-evasion, the export of capital and hoarding will have to be regarded as unpatriotic acts. Something of the French war-time spirit of sacrifice is required to avoid financial disaster.

The Morning Post is of opinion that appearances point to a series of short-lived ministries, but hopes that there will not be a break in the foreign policy and the continuance of Anglo-French relations. The Financial Times says France must continue in a state of high level economically until the financial doctors agree on a remedy. Time for palliatives has passed long since.

BY NO MEANS ALARMING.

PARIS, April 16th.

In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Herriot stated the financial situation was by no means alarming if the necessary effort was made. It was always his opinion that an extensive financial operation should be carried out eventually.

He emphasized that the advances of the Bank of France to the State had been reduced by 120,000,000 francs and that the yield from the Morgan Loan is still untouched and available. He outlined the list of liabilities the treasury must meet in 1925. He concluded by stating that the voluntary contribution asked of the citizens would be not only good action but good business; for it will result in reducing the number of notes and increasing their value.

The Chamber passed a vote of confidence by 291 to 240.—Havas.

M. BRIAND SUMMONED.

PARIS, April 12th.

Following M. Painlevé's refusal to accept the Premiership, M. Briand has been summoned to the Elysée.

LATEST CABLES.

M. HERRIOT AND SENATE.

PARIS, April 10th.

M. Herriot's fall in the Senate was not surprising. A storm has been long brewing, owing to the fundamental antagonism between the Socialist policy of the Chamber majority and the Conservative Upper House.

The outcry produced by the revelation in the Report of the Banque de France, of Government's recourse to inflation, brought matters to a crisis. M. Herriot could still count on a substantial though diminishing majority in the Chamber as shown at Thursday's voting; but the Senate had eventually to be faced. M. Herriot recently displayed impatience in the equivocal position and wanted to resign, after a technical reverse in the Senate on Wednesday; but was dissuaded by the Socialists. His speech, on Thursday, attacking his predecessors, was a direct challenge to M. Poincaré, and a fight to a finish in the Senate became inevitable.

M. Herriot, after presenting the resignation of the cabinet to President Doumergue last evening, assured him of the gratitude of all the cabinet for his goodwill during their period of office.

President Doumergue, replying, paid a tribute to the patriotic efforts of M. Herriot and his colleagues and asked the retiring Minister to deal with current matters. M. Doumergue receives the presidents of the Senate and Chamber to-day.

HERRIOT AND MARTEL.

PARIS, April 10th.

When M. Herriot faced the Senate, M. Martel, as the one whom the premier attacked yesterday, demanded an interpellation and answered M. Herriot's claim that he had only followed his predecessors, by pointing out that the Banque de France had not exceeded the legal limit of the note issue before 1925.

He declared the supporters of the Government—namely the Socialists—were responsible for the lack of confidence, resulting in the fall of State securities and the public's refusal to invest in Government loans and the flight of capital abroad.

The Government had resorted to expedients to replenish the treasury and swallowed the margin in note circulation which previous governments had utilised for discount operation.

M. Herriot's reply concluded with an impassioned peroration, stating: "Today it is necessary to find means of relieving the country's stress. The time for honeyed words is past. Judge me but admit I sought to do my duty."

M. Poincaré blamed Germany for France's debts and the embarrassments of her treasury. The ministerialists abstained from the non-confidence vote.

COLLISION IN SUEZ CANAL.

S.S. "RHESUS" AND MOTORSHIP "CANTON" DAMAGED.

LONDON, April 11th.

A message from Port Said reports a collision in the Deversoir siding, between the Swedish motor-vessel Canton, from Hongkong and Penang, for Scandinavia, and the British steamer Rhesus, from Yokohama, bound for Baltimore and New York.

There is 80 tons of water in the fore-peak of the s.s. Canton, which is being towed by the s.s. Rhesus in making water fast in the engine-room.

The stern of the Canton is badly damaged, and the Rhesus is badly holed amidships.

TASHKENT LAND-SLIDE.

SIX MEN KILLED AT POWER STATION.

MOSCOW, April 11th.

Six men have been killed and three seriously injured in a landslide at the Hydro-Electric Station at Tashkent. The nine men were buried in the fall of earth.

OFF TO THE NORTH POLE.

AMUNDSEN SETS-OUT ON FIRST FLIGHT.

Tromsø, April 11th.

Captain Roald Amundsen has started on the first stage of his flight to the North Pole. He has departed for Spitzbergen, whence he flies directly to the Pole, at the beginning of May.

INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS.

CAMBRIDGE WIN RELAY RACE AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

LONDON, April 11th.

The weather was ideal and the attendance large at Queen's Club to-day to witness the inter-variety mile relay race, run in quarter-mile stages. The result was: (1) Cambridge, (2) Pennsylvania, (3) Oxford. The Cambridge man won by two yards. The time was 22.3.5 secs.

EARLIER CABLES.

RIOTS IN DAMASCUS.

MOBS CONTINUALLY BREAK THROUGH CORDON.

LORD BALFOUR NOT INJURED.

DAMASCUS, April 8th.

At the conclusion of prayers in connection with the Ramadan Festival, a crowd of six thousand marched in the direction of Lord Balfour's hotel. Syrian gendarmes and police, who attempted to stop the demonstrators, were attacked with stones. A fight ensued in which the Spahis participated. Two people were killed, seven gendarmes injured, and one Spahi officer and three men injured. Disturbances also occurred in the Jewish quarter.

MOB BREAKS CORDON.

DAMASCUS, April 10th.

Yesterday opened ominously and quietly. Shops and offices were closed and crowds thronged the streets, but shortly after midday the roar of the crowd was audible from Lord Balfour's hotel a quarter of a mile from the square.

Despite the efforts of the mounted police, a mob of five thousand, using sticks and stones, broke through the cordon and rushed towards the hotel, driving back the small force of mounted police and gendarmes. A French gendarme officer, lying practically full length on horse back, singly charged the crowd and broke their formation, enabling his men to rally and push back the crowd a safe distance from the hotel.

The gendarmes repeatedly fired in the air, and finally African cavalry were brought up and the crowds fled into side streets before the soldiers' swords. Eight armoured cars were brought up in the afternoon and fresh Colonial troops marched into the town in the evening and took up positions in the square to prevent the mob's reassembling.

The civilian casualties were about fifty, of whom fifteen were sent to hospital, three being most dangerously wounded. Lord Balfour later motored from Damascus, his destination being unknown.

LORD BALFOUR LEAVES.

DAMASCUS, April 10th.

Lord Balfour, interviewed by Reuter was most disturbed, but expressed great satisfaction that none of the rioters were shot.

General Sarrail visited Lord Balfour at the hotel in the afternoon and evidently recommended his leaving Damascus, for an hour later, while General Sarrail halted his motor car on the bridge opposite the hotel, centring all eyes on him, and there was a further diversion by aeroplanes flying overhead and dropping smoke bombs, Lord Balfour left the hotel in a motor car, unnoticed, his destination being unknown.

Lord Balfour will embark on the steamer Sphinx for Beirut.

LATEST CABLES.

ESCORTED BY POLICE.

BEIRUT, April 11th.

Two police cars accompanied Lord Balfour as far as Ain Sofar, where he was met by the French Director-General of Public Security, who escorted him with a police guard by a circuitous route, round the coast to the military quay, where the British Consul-General awaited the party. He accompanied Lord Balfour aboard the Sphinx, where he remains guarded by police. The Sphinx departs on Sunday for Alexandria. All is quiet in Beirut.

EARLIER CABLES.

PRINCE OF WALES.

SCENES OF REJOICING AT PORT OF TAKARADI.

SECOND, April 8th.

In very hot weather and bristling with the Prince of Wales landed at Takaradi, where he unveiled a memorial commemorating the fact that he was the first person to enter the harbour, which will not be completed until two years hence. There were scenes of unparalleled enthusiasm and the town was en fête.

AT COOMASSIE.

COOMASSIE, April 10th.

The Prince of Wales has arrived here. He was given a great reception by dense crowds. The town was beflagged. The Prince reviewed ex-Service men and attended service at the English Church. The Prince of Wales landed from H.M.S. Repulse by a surf boat, after which he proceeded by train to Coomassie. Before his departure from Second, the Prince received and shook hands with 246 ex-Service men. Long lines of native children sang the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" as the train steamed out. The journey to Coomassie takes fourteen hours.

LATEST CABLES.

PLAQUE AT LAGOS.

N-KAYE, G.O., April 11th.

The Prince of Wales will remain in Gold Coast Colony until April 21st, owing to an outbreak of plague at Lagos. The decision is due not to anxiety for the royal party, but to the possibility of the spread of the epidemic in view of the great crowds that will gather to greet the Prince of Wales. He may fill in the time visiting the Northern territories of the Gold Coast.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF EASTER HOLIDAY MATCHES.

LONDON, April 11th.

Below will be found the results of matches played in the English and Scottish Leagues on Friday and Saturday:—

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Bolton W., 1; Leeds U., 0.
Burnley, 1; Notts C., 1.
Burton, 0; Huddersfield T., 1.
Liverpool, 2; West Ham U., 0.
Nottingham F., 0; Blackburn R., 2.
Preston N.E., 1; Everton, 1.
Tottenham H., 0; Birmingham, 1.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Birmingham, 1; Nottingham F., 1.
Bolton W., 3; Sheffield U., 1.
Burnley, 1; Manchester C., 0.
Cardiff C., 2; Aston Villa, 1.
Everton, 1; Blackburn R., 0.
Leeds U., 1; Burton, 0.
Notts C., 4; West Ham U., 1.
Preston N.E., 2; Arsenal, 0.
Sunderland, 1; Huddersfield T., 1.
Tottenham H., 3; Newcastle U., 0.
West Brom A., 0; Liverpool, 0.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Blackpool, 1; Bradford C., 2.
Clapton U., 1; Coventry C., 2.
Crystal P., 0; Stoke, 1.
Fulham, 1; Southampton, 0.
Manchester U., 2; Stockport C., 0.
Oldham A., 1; The Wednesday, 1.
Portsmouth, 3; Middlesbrough, 1.
Preston N.E., 1; Hull City, 1.
South S., 1; Derby C., 0.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Chelsea, 1; Port Vale, 0.
Clapton U., 2; Whamptown W., 1.
Coventry C., 0; Hull City, 0.
Crystal P., 0; Barnsley, 1.
Leicester C., 0; Derby C., 0.
Manchester U., 1; S. Shields, 0.
Oldham A., 0; Portsmouth, 2.
The Wednesday, 3; Middlesbrough, 1.
Southampton, 1; Middlesbrough, 1.
Stockport C., 3; Bradford C., 0.
Stoke, 3; Blackpool, 1.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

THIRD DIVISION: NORTHERN.

B'ham and B.A., 3; Aberdeen A., 1.
Brentford, 3; Luton T., 0.
B'ham and H.A., 3; Swindon T., 1.
Bristol R., 0; Exeter C., 1.
Charlton A., 0; Millwall, 2.
Gillingham, 3; Norwich C., 1.
Newport C., 3; Swansea T., 0.
Plymouth A., 7; Bristol C., 1.
Reading, 2; Southend U., 2.
Watford, 3; Merthyr T., 1.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Aberdeen A., 1; Northampton, 1.
B'ham and B.A., 0; Swansea T., 2.
B'ham and H.A., 0; Reading, 1.
Bristol C., 5; Queen's Park R., 0.
Gillingham, 1; Exeter C., 1.
Luton T., 1; Bristol R., 1.
Millwall A., 3; Newport C., 0.
Plymouth A., 2; Merthyr T., 0.
Swindon T., 2; Charlton A., 2.
Watford, 0; Norwich C., 2.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

THIRD DIVISION: SOUTHERN.

Ashington, 0; Durham C., 2.
Barrow, 0; Wigan Boro., 1.
Chesterfield, 1; Bradford, 1.
Darlington, 2; Accrington S., 1.
Doncaster R., 0; Southport, 1.
Lincoln C., 0; Walsall, 1.
N. Brighton, 2; Hartlepool U., 0.
Rochdale, 3; Halifax T., 1.
Tranmere R., 3; Grimsby T., 3.
Wrexham, 3; Rotherham C., 1.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Accrington, 1; Walsall, 1.
Bradford, 1; Nelson, 1.
Chesterfield, 4; Tranmere R., 1.
Darlington, 2; Ashington, 1.
Grimsby T., 1; Durham C., 1.
Halifax T., 1; Wigan Boro., 2.
Hartlepool U., 2; Doncaster R., 2.
New Brighton, 3; Crewe A., 0.
Rochdale, 1; Southport, 0.
Wrexham, 3; Barrow, 0.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Ayr United, 1; Motherwell, 0.
Falkirk, 1; Partick T., 0.
Hamilton A., 1; Morton, 0.
Raith R., 0; Airdrieonians, 2.
Rangers, 5; Third Lanark, 2.
St. Johnstone, 4; Hearts, 3.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL.

CELTIC DEFEAT DUNDEE BY TWO GOALS TO ONE.

GLASGOW, April 11th.

In the final of the Scottish Association Football Cup, played at Hampden Park to-day, Celtic defeated Dundee by 2 goals to 1. The weather was fine and 100,000 people paid for admission to witness the game.

THE GAME.

Celtic dominated the first twenty-five minutes' play, then Dundee got into their stride and the play became very lively. After thirty-one minutes Gilmour struck the cross-bar and McLean scored for Dundee from the rebound. At the interval Dundee led by one to love. After the resumption, Celtic pressed very hard. Dundee held out brilliantly for half an hour, then Gallagher equalised from a free-kick. Four minutes from time another free-kick resulted in McGarry heading the Celtic's second goal. They were worthy winners.

WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.

SOVEREIGNS TO OPEN IT ON MAY 5TH.

LONDON, April 11th.

The King and Queen will open Wembley Exhibition on May 5th. The day chosen is the anniversary of the proclamation of (Other Cables on page 8).

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE PANCHAY LAMA.

UNIQUE CEREMONY HELD IN IMPERIAL PALACE.

PERING, April 12th.

A unique religious ceremony took place this afternoon, on the picturesque island in the Imperial Palace, when the Panchay Lama gave audience to 500 representatives of the chief religions, including members of the Confucianists, Taoists, Buddhists, Greek and Protestant Churches who all participated.

The protestant contribution consisted of a choir rendering selections from Stainer's "Crucifixion." Speeches by prominent people, in their several languages, emphasised the desirability of concord and co-operation in the religions of nations.

MISSIONARY SET FREE.

SHENKIU BRIGANDS RELEASE REV. MR. TOMKINSON.

PERING, April 11th.

The China Inland Mission headquarters have telegraphed, stating the Rev. Mr. Tomkinson, who had been held as hostage by brigands at Shengkui, has now been released.

H.I.J.M.S. "KAKO."

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Kobe, April 10th.

The first-class cruiser, H.I.J.M.S. Kako, built for the Japanese Navy, was launched at Kawasaki dockyards to-day.

THE CHINA CONSORTIUM.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT SOUNDED REGARDING POLICY.

LONDON, April 9th.

In the House of Commons, Sir Walter De Frece asked whether, in view of the feeling in China that industrial enterprises should be excluded from the scope of the Consortium's activities, the Government would try to secure a modification of the existing policy.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that he was aware that the feeling existed, but he could not consider modification without stronger arguments than had yet been produced.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL HU CHING YI.

PEKING, April 12th.

A telegram from Kaifeng, of yesterday's date, reports that General Hu Ching Yi, who with General Sun Yuch supported Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's coup d'état—and recently with Sun Yuch was involved in Honan, fighting against Kan Yu Kan—died suddenly yesterday morning.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE GOLD FRANC ISSUE.

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED.

PEKING, April 12th.

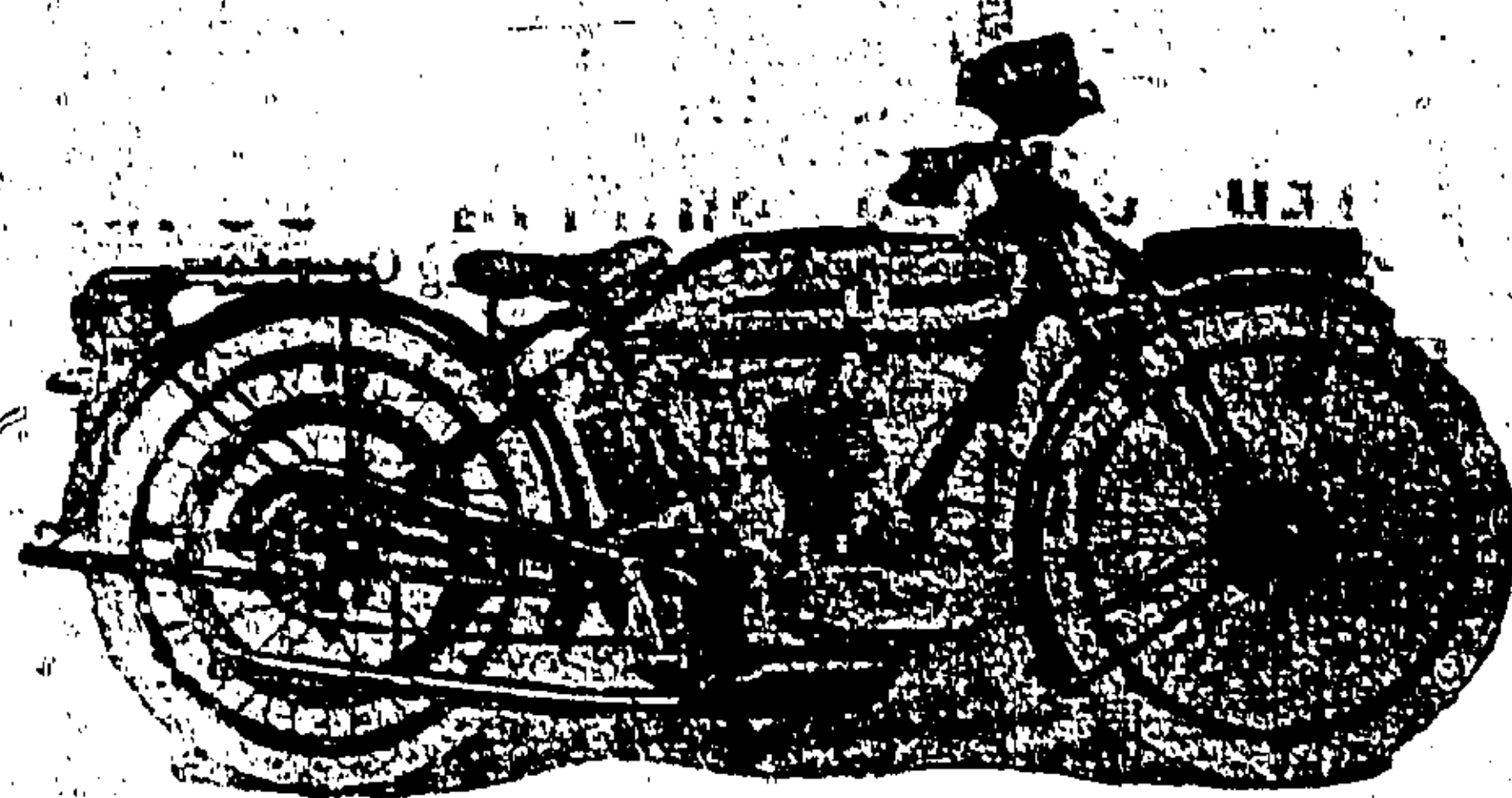
According to apparently reliable Chinese sources, Tuan Chi Jui, the Chief Executive, yesterday, instructed the Minister of Finance to sign a preliminary agreement, settling the Gold Franc Case. It is reported that this agreement was signed last evening, but the rumour is not confirmed.

EUROPEAN BOY'S AGONY.

LITTLE SHANGHAI CAR VICTIM AWARDED DAMAGES.

Six-year-old Arthur Barrett, of Shanghai, who has been in the Shanghai General Hospital suffering intense pain for the last four months as the result of a motor-car accident, was awarded £20,000 damages, subject to certain conditions, by the Mixed Court on April 7th. He was struck by the car when it swerved on to the pavement in Yu Yuen Road, and sustained a broken leg and nose in addition to other injuries. Medical evidence at the trial stated that he would be a partial, if not a total, cripple for life. The chauffeur responsible for the accident fled immediately after his car was brought to a halt against an electric lamp post, and has not since been traced. The defendant, Mr. Tsing, was not in the vehicle at the time.

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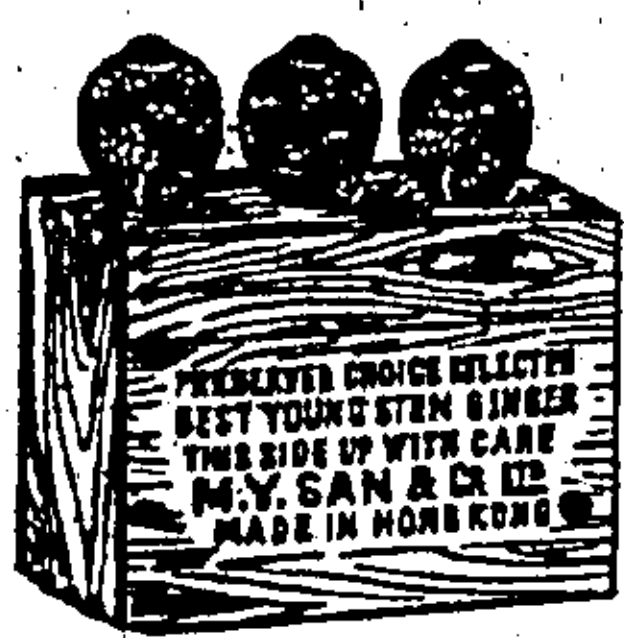
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BRITISH WIRELESS POLICY.
P.M.G.'S STATEMENT.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Postmaster-General, presiding at the annual dinner of the Croydon branch of the Junior Imperial League at Croydon, on March 11th, took the opportunity of dealing with the question of Imperial wireless in its relation to the Post Office.

He said he was led to say what he wished to put before them that night because of some observations which had recently been made publicly from Sir Robert Donald, Sir Robert Donald was chairman of a Cabinet Committee which was appointed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Cabinet to examine into the question of Imperial wireless. They presented a report, and in that report recommended the appointment of a further committee to examine further into the question which the Post Office and Post Office organisation should occupy with respect to the development of Imperial wireless.

Sir Robert Donald had made public certain statements with regard to himself which called for some answer. Sir Robert had suggested that he had turned down the conclusions of the committee over which he presided with regard to at least two important points. The first was the establishment of some board which should act in an advisory capacity and on which the Dominions should be represented to advise the British Government and Post Office with regard to its dealings with reference to Imperial wireless. In the second place, Sir Robert Donald suggested that he had turned down the conclusions of the committee with regard to the reorganisation of the business establishment of the Post Office so that it might function more efficiently with regard to Imperial wireless.

Sir Robert Donald said that the committee was not reappointed when the change of Government took place, but it had practically finished work, and he complained that the Minister had not given effect to the conclusions which he said were reached. That charge, if true, would be a somewhat serious matter. When he (the speaker) took office he found on inquiry that this committee under the chairmanship of Sir Robert Donald was in existence but had not completed its labours. He had inquired as to when its report was likely to be presented, when Sir Robert Donald asked if he could come to see him. He was very glad to see Sir Robert Donald, who told him that the Committee had completed the taking of evidence and that he had presented a draft report to the Committee, but he went so far as to say that it had become evident that no agreement was likely to be reached among the members as to the report they should present. He discussed the question with Sir Robert Donald as to whether the Committee should be reappointed, and Sir Robert pointed out that one of the members was in Canada, another was going abroad immediately, and that he himself found great difficulty in finding time to attend the meetings of the Committee. He asked Sir Robert Donald what he wanted him to do, and after discussion Sir Robert agreed with him that the question of what the findings should be on the evidence which had been presented to the Committee should be left to him (the speaker) to decide personally and individually, acting in a semi-judicial capacity, to decide.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Continuing, Sir William Mitchell-Thomson said:—I desire to put on record some letters which have passed between Sir Robert Donald and myself. The first letter is dated November 28th, 1924:—

Dear Sir WILLIAM,—I had a letter this morning from Sir Alfred Mond, who is anxious to know whether our Committee is to be reappointed, as he is now making arrangements to go abroad for a few months. I have told him that I hoped to be able to hear from you on the subject in the course of a few days.

To that I replied next day:—
Dear Sir ROBERT,—I have your letter of the 28th instant. I understood from you at our talk on the 24th instant that, in your judgment, the prospects of an agreed report from the Committee were so remote that no good purpose would be served by reappointing it, and that, so far as you were concerned, you would prefer to leave the question to my decision after a review of the evidence and the various views. You were good enough to add that you would recommend this course to your colleagues, and, under these circumstances, I propose to adopt it, and to refrain accordingly from advising that the Committee be reappointed. Will you let Sir Alfred Mond know? On the 28th Sir Robert Donald replied:—

Dear Sir WILLIAM,—I will let the members of the Committee know of your decision not to advise their reappointment. As I said, you have all the evidence before you, and as there is no prospect of an agreed report, it will save time if you make up your mind on the facts before you. May I suggest, however, that if you are going to take further evidence inside the office that it would only be fair to the Committee that you should get evidence from both points of view?

I did not think it necessary to take further evidence or information from inside the office, because I found from the evidence before me that I had sufficient and, in my judgment, ample evidence on which to form a conclusion. I had given not merely some days, but some weeks to a very careful review of the evidence. I read and reread the whole of that evidence, and having done so I came to my conclusions, which I communicated to Sir Robert Donald and the other members of the Committee through him. I am now asked by Sir Robert Donald whether I would be prepared to publish that evidence. So far as I am personally concerned, I should have no objection whatever, but I am bound to say that to publish the evidence taken before a Committee of the Cabinet would be to institute an entirely novel precedent which has never occurred before in this country, and which I do not think it is desirable to institute.

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Sir Robert Donald assumes that one of the conclusions at which I have arrived was that it was undesirable to take any steps in the direction of forming any advisory board. That is contrary to the fact. I should have thought from the letter I sent him that the fact would have been known to Sir Robert Donald that while it is quite often that a question of higher policy with regard to what we might call the Imperial and strategic aspect of wireless is already dealt with by a committee of the Cabinet, namely, the Imperial Communications Committee; and while I think that it is undesirable to suggest to my colleagues that that arrangement should be disturbed, I have already taken steps to try to bring about the formation of an Imperial advisory committee which shall assist the Post Office in the day-to-day practical working of Imperial wireless. I have invited Sir Robert Donald through the Colonial Office, if they are favourable a committee will be set up under the chairmanship of the Assistant Postmaster-General. So much with regard to the suggestion of an Imperial board.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION.

With regard to the other question, the more active business organization of the Post Office in order that it may be effective to deal with the problems of Imperial wireless, the matter was left to my individual judgment to form—acting as judiciously as I could—the best idea of what was the right thing to do on the evidence; and I will say that much for myself: I have had some business experience, and I do claim to know a little about business organization. I must utter our word of complaint with regard to the suggestion made by Sir Robert Donald that on his committee there was cleavage with regard to this matter, between those who were not representative of any Government Department or Government interest and those who were either members of a Government Department or represented interests of the Post Office Service. I think in the first place it is very undesirable that lines of division in any Cabinet Committee should be discussed in public, but I am bound to add that the suggestion of the division he indicated is not in consonance with the facts. I read all the evidence, and I made up my mind as far as I could as a judge of the evidence as to what was a proper reorganization to be carried through. I put that down on paper. After I had completed my judgment on the evidence, I re-read some portion of the evidence, and it then became apparent to me that my mind seemed to have jumped on the same lines as one of the business men who is claimed by Sir Robert Donald as supporting his view. I mean Sir Arthur Balfour. I asked Sir Arthur Balfour to call and see me, and told him the conclusion at which I had arrived. His attitude, I think, is defined in a letter from him of yesterday's date, which I propose to read. He says:—“I should you have to make or write a statement you have my full permission to say:—(a) I consider that Sir Robert Donald's draft went too far and was extravagant, and I said so to him.” The Postmaster-General interpolated here:—“Sir Robert says in his letter that his report was generally supported by Sir Arthur Balfour.” (b) That I saw your scheme and am quite satisfied that it fully answers all requirements both present and for some time.”

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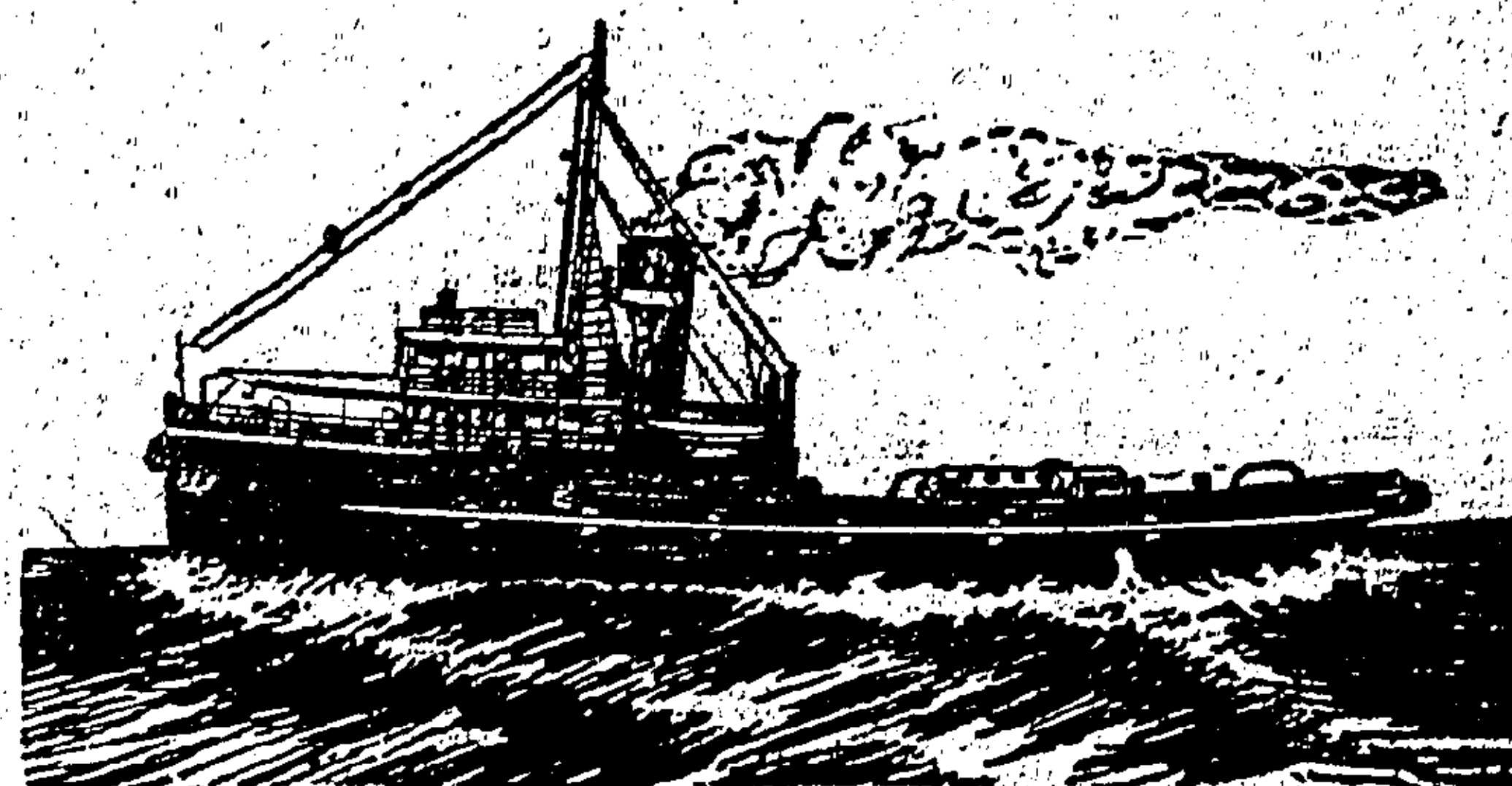
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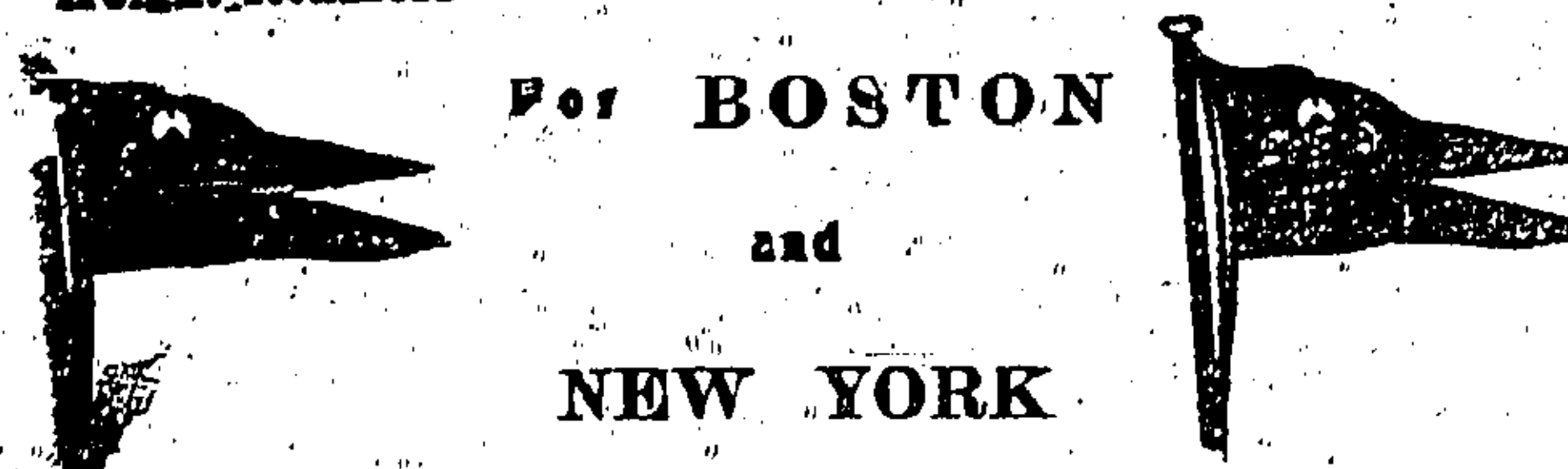
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"MADEONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"ALFORD"	8,573	13th May	Singapore Penang, & Bombay
"SARDINIA"	8,684	16th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUDAN"	8,686	28th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"NAGOYA"	8,684	31st May	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	8,513	10th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	8,118	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	8,092	6th July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHMIR"	8,585	11th July	Mars., London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	8,684	22nd July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MANTUA"	10,903	25th July	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MADEONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"NARKUNDA"	12,227	8th Sept.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	9,138	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

"TALMA"	10,000	24th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Ceylon.
"TILAWA"	10,008	30th Apr.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	21st May	do.
"TAIBEA"	7,923	28th May	do.
"TAKADA"	8,949	4th June	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st July	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	25th July	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Sept.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	30th Sept.	do.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	15th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,684	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NAGOYA"	8,533	23rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	24th Apr.	Kobe
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SOUDAN"	8,686	1st May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	4th May	Kobe
"TANDA"	6,958	9th May	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,118	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SICILIA"	8,513	15th May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	8,949	17th May	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,585	6th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,092	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	10,922	25th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	28th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
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"KALYAN"	8,118	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe
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SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 14th Apr. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 15th Apr. Noon.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHOW	"PAIKHOI"	On 16th Apr. 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SIYANG"	On 16th Apr. 11 a.m.
SOHIOU, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 16th Apr. 3 p.m.
BOHIOU & BANGKOK	"CHINCHU"	On 16th Apr. 5 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 16th Apr. 4 p.m.
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